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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.99, the undersigned attorney respectfully draws the attention of the Examiner to the following reference in connection with the above-identified patent application:

U.S. Patent No. 6,230,150 B1, Walker et al., filed March 31, 1998 and issued May 8, 2001.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.248(a)(4), the undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a copy of the attached Submission Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.99 and a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,230,150 Bl were served on the attorney or agent of the above-identified Applicants at the following address:

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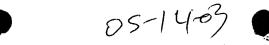
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Total Claims		- 20 =		\$18.00	\$0.00
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